DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

St Brendan's, Harwood, St Columba's, Tonge Moor and St John the Evangelist, Bromley Cross,

Sunday 22nd November **202**

Christ The King



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:
Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton, Mary Hayler, Teresa Hall, Anne Magee, Bernie Coughlin, Margaret Jordan, Kevin Ward
Lately Dead: Margaret Neyman, Tom Chinnery, Fr Harry Doyle, Tim Marshall, Anne Sale, Kevin Knowles
Anniversaries: Bill Wheeler, May Enright, Alice Leggatt, Irene O'Connor
Mass Intentions: a sick person, Bill Wheeler (A), Tim Marshall (LD), Frank McDowall, a departed soul

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.
Donations: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.
Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

This week we pray for the people of the parish of St John Fisher, Kearsley, for Fr Bryan Cunningham, their parish priest, for the Schoenstatt Community and the Schoenstatt Shrine.

Meditation: The next meditation session will take place on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm, at St John's. All welcome.

Relics of St Gerard Majella: St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. As part of the 300th anniversary of the death of St Gerard Majella we are privileged to have his relics visit St Brendan's church Harwood on Thursday 26th November. The schedule is arrival 5.30pm with a time for prayer and devotion then Mass at 6.30pm. Fr Royston Price will preside and preach.

Harbour Room Book Club.
Wednesday Nov 25th.**The Soldier's Wife by Joanna Trollope**.
Wednesday Dec 16th.**Time of the Child by Neill Williams.**
1pm - 2.30pm. All welcome.

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Masses & Activities this week
Readings: Page 158 of Mass Book

Sunday 22nd November
9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 23rd November
10.30am Requiem mass for Margaret Neyman (SJ)

Tuesday 24th November
10.00am Mass (SB) Year 2 attending
12.15pm Mass for Bolton Catenian's (SJ)
7.30pm Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 25th November
9.30am Mass followed by SVP Coffee Morning (SJ)

Thursday 26th November
10.00am Mass (SB)
5.30pm Relics of St Gerard Majella arrive, a time for prayer and devotion and confession (SB)
6.30pm Mass (SB)

Friday 27th November
12.00 noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 28th November
9.30am Adoration/Confessions (SJ)
10.00am Mass (SJ)
5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Readers 28th/29th Nov

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ	11am (SB)
Chris Molyneux	Sheila Copley	Chris owen

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 29th November
Michael Kitchen/Pat Partington

Diocesan Yearbook 2027: We have a limited number of these for sale at £5.50. You will find these at the back of church.

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SVP News:

Coffee Morning: The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 25th November. Money raised will go the prisoner's fund.

Urban Outreach Christmas Pudding appeal:



Thank you so much for your very generous donations, we have exceeded or target by £110. This will be used to help vulnerable families this Christmas. The Christmas puddings have now been delivered to Urban Outreach and will be used in the Christmas hampers for families in need.

Parish Christmas Raffle:



This year we are having a parish Christmas Raffle. Tickets are now on sale at the back of church. Please take as many as you can and sell them to family and friends. We are also looking for donations, and you will find a list at the back of church with some ideas. If you feel able to donate a prize, please add your name to the list. The raffle will be drawn after 9.30 Mass on 20th December when the SVP will be selling Gaelic coffee and mince pies. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials: If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia (in memory of a loved one), request slips, cards & envelopes are available. These can be placed, with donation (minimum £8), in the baskets provided. The deadline for your request is Sunday 7 December. *Thank you*

Walk with Me:

The Christmas and Advent calendars and booklets are now available at the back of church. This is a lovely way to help prepare for Christmas.

Piety Stall:

We now have a selection of Christmas cards and advent calendars available to buy. These are available on the Piety stalls at both churches.



Lord Jesus:
You are the King of Kings, the Shepherd of our Souls, Our Redeemer, Our Saviour and Our Friend.
You hold us close to you, watching when we go astray, seeking us out when we are lost, when we are scattered in the mist and darkness.
You destroy our enemies, even death cannot prevail against you.
You bring all your people to life in you,
So that God may be all and in all. Amen

There is something very fundamental about today's message from the Gospel; something well worth our consideration. Jesus is talking to his disciples about the last judgement. He lists some criteria which will be used to separate the sheep from the goats. There is no mention of how many times they have been to Mass or how well their prayer life has progressed. No, the main criteria listed in Matthews Gospel is how well they have loved.

Faithfulness brings its own reward but unless we make the love of others our main priority faith has no meaning. We cannot save ourselves; we can only do what we can for each other and hope that our efforts are sufficient to save us. Belonging to a church does not ensure salvation; we must follow Christ every day and act as He did to the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the lost and the sick. It is only by giving of ourselves that we find eternal life.

Beth Nelson Chapman, the American songwriter and performer, wrote these words "Life has taught me this, every day is new and if anything is true, all that matters, when we're through, is how we loved"

David Frank

Advent Talks 2026

During Advent, we are pleased to be joined by Mgr Paul Smith and Sr Joan Kerley for a series of talks on an exploration of Pope Leo's recent Encyclical Letter "Magnifica Humanitas"

Join us every Tuesday between 24 November and 15 December as we consider Exploring Human Dignity with Pope Leo in the age of AI.

The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and the talks will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

For more information please click use this link to visit the Diocesan 'What's On' page https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/